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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Vanhaelemeersch et al. ) Group Art Unit ~~Unknown~~  
Intl. Appl. No. : PCT/BE98/00159 )  
Intl. Filing Date: October 22, 1998 )  
For : ANISOTROPIC ETCHING OF )  
ORGANIC-CONTAINING )  
INSULATING LAYERS )  
Examiner : ~~Unknown~~ )

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Preliminary to examination on the merits, please amend the above-captioned U.S. national phase application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 1 of the specification, after the Title of the Invention on line 1 and before "FIELD OF THE INVENTION" on line 3, please insert: --This is the U.S. national phase under 35 U.S.C. § 371 of International Application PCT/BE98/00159, filed October 22, 1998.--.

IN THE ABSTRACT:

Please add the substitute abstract, attached herewith.

IN THE CLAIMS:

**Please amend the claims as follows:**

3. (Amended) A method as recited in claim 2, wherein said organic-containing insulating layer is selected from [a] the group [comprising] consisting of the benzocyclobutarenes, poly arylene ether, aromatic hydrocarbons and polyamides.